

# Photo-sensors comparison for the dRICH

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# Main requisites

- Single photon detection
- Sizable QE in a wide range of wavelength:  
[150,600] nm
- Pixel size:  $\leq 3$  mm
- Compactness: limited space for arrangement
- Capability to work in magnetic field

# Multinode-PMT

## H12700 series

Useful for the prototype:

- area about  $5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$
- 3 mm pixel size

Figure 1: Typical Spectral Response

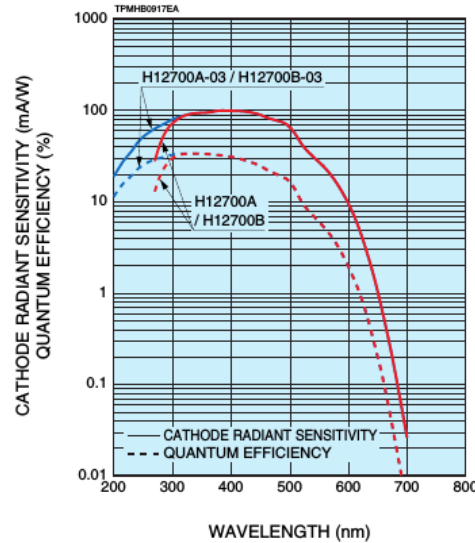


Figure 2: Typical Gain

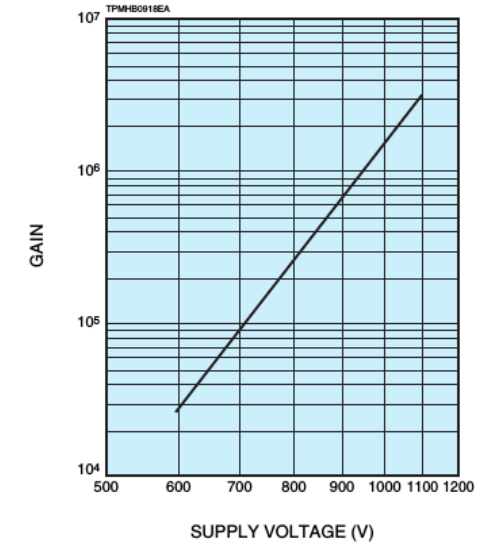
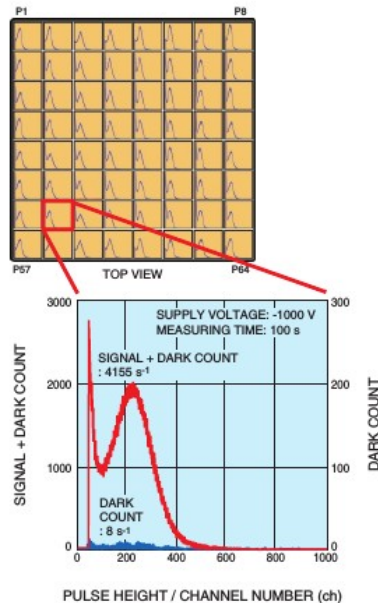


Figure 5: Single Photon Counting (Example)



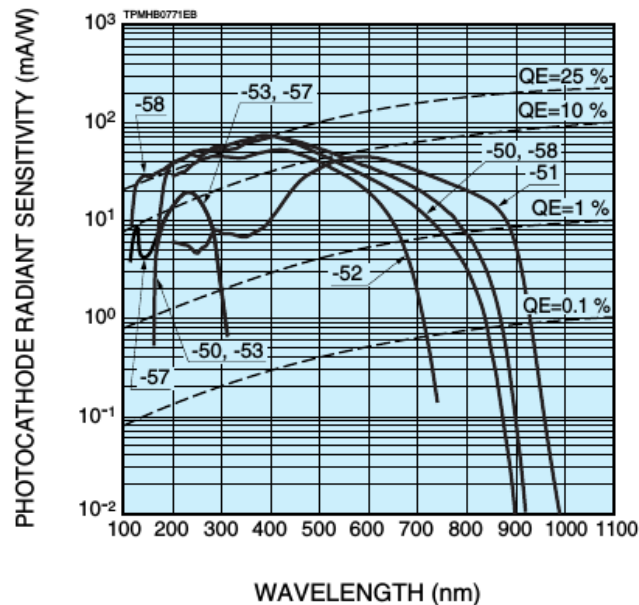
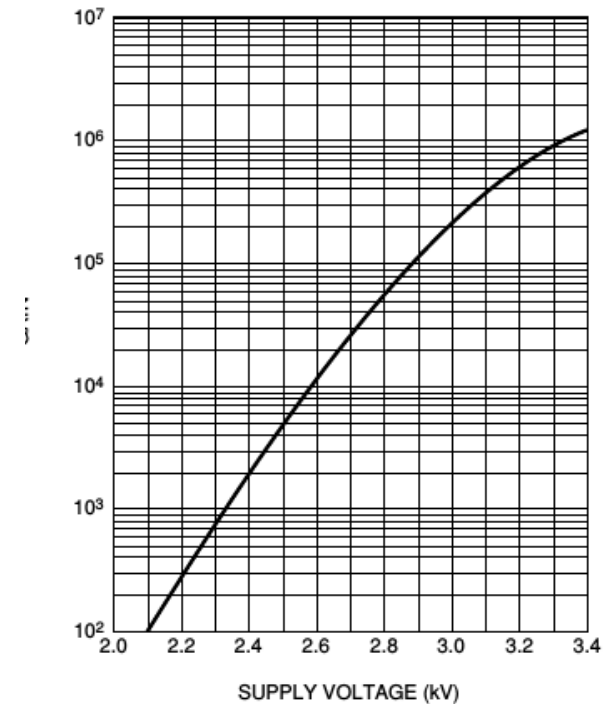
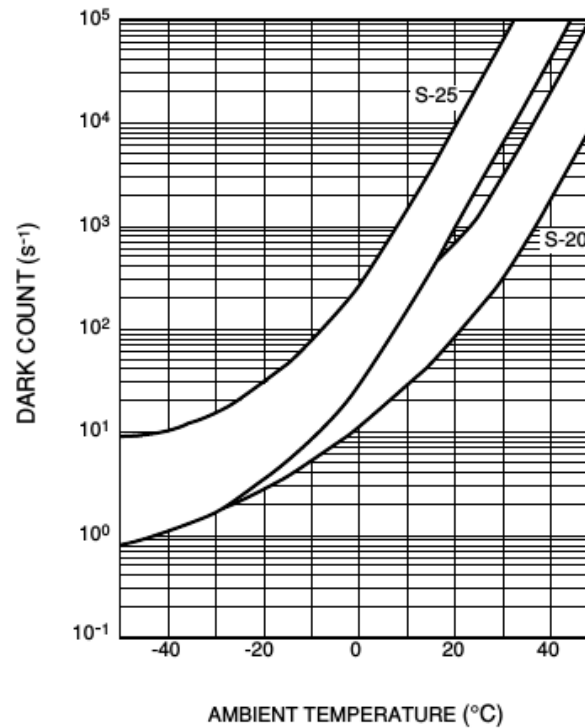
- “low” dark count rate
- Small dead space
- Quite standard device for RICH: “low” cost
- Difficult to work with PMTs in magnetic field!

# MCP - PMT

Time resolution:  
about 50 ps

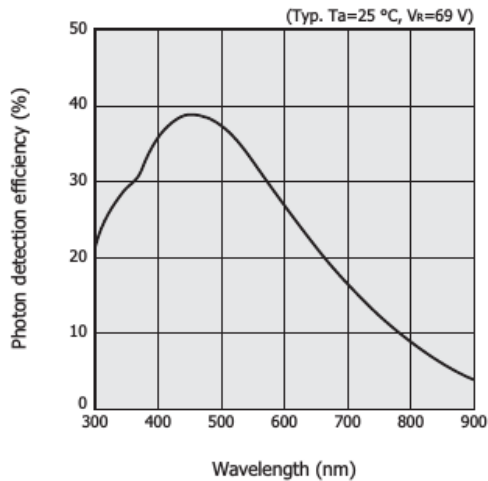
Useful for DIRC  
detectors

R3809U-50

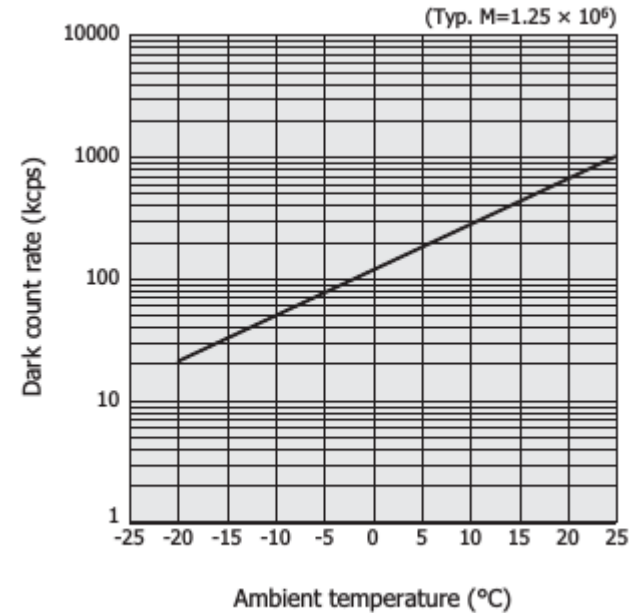
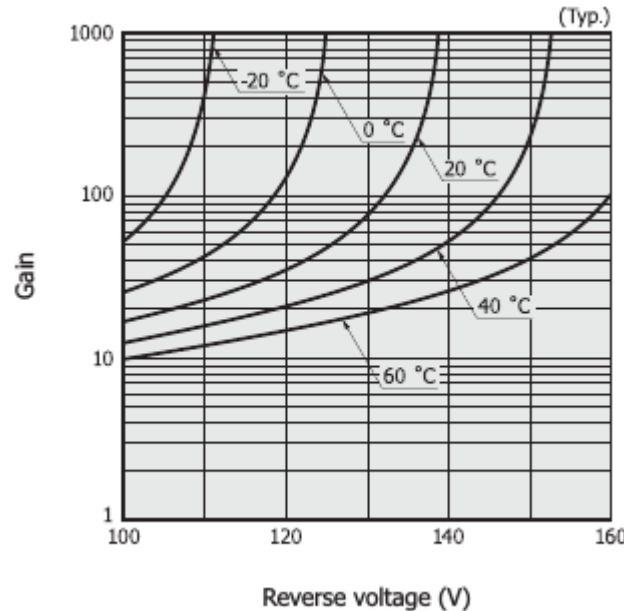


- “low” dark count rate, comparable with PMTs
- Capability of working in magnetic field
- Very good time characteristics
- Expensive device for large area detectors

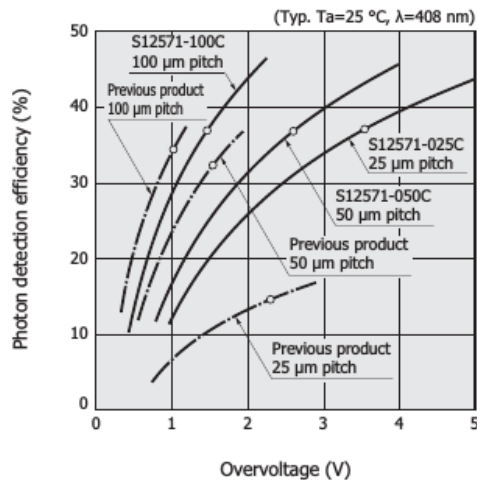
# Silicon photomultiplier



Photon detection efficiency does not include crosstalk and afterpulses.



[Figure 2-8] Photon detection efficiency vs. overvoltage



- Insensitive to magnetic field
- Very compact device
- Low cost: comparable with PMTs
- High dark count rate at 25°: time information (order 800 ps) needed to reduce background or cooling system or both

# GEM

- The working principle demonstrated for CF<sub>4</sub> gas
- Not useful in the visible light region
- Not easy an extension to visible light in the near future

# LAPPD

- A future alternative to MCP-PMT
- Fast timing
- A possible candidate in principle, but still in an R&D stage
- Basic informations still missing (i.e. costs)

# Table of comparison

\* enough to suppress noise  
\*\* rate dependent

| Parameters               | PMT      | MCP-PMT   | SiPM   | LAPPD |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Gain                     | ok       | ok        | ok     | ok    |
| Timing Resolution        | good     | ok        | ok*    | good  |
| Dark noise               | (KHz)    | (KHz)     | (MHz)  | (KHz) |
| Radiation Hardness       | ok       | ok        | (ok)** | ok    |
| Single photon            | ok       | ok        | ok     | ok    |
| Magnetic field tolerance | Not good | ok        | good   | ok    |
| Detection efficiency     | ok       | ok        | ok     | ok?   |
| Cost                     | ok       | expensive | good   | ?     |